Since the proposed quantum of utilization under ILR Project is not significant in relation to the volume of flow into the BoB as assessed by the earth scientists, it is not appropriate at this stage to hypothesis in the absence of detailed and accurate studies that the impacts due to ILR (if any) will be only negative.

(d) The Ministry of Water Resources (MOWAR) (erstwhile Ministry of Irrigation) and Central Water Commission (CWC) formulated a National Perspective Plan (NPP) for Water Resources Development in 1980 envisaging inter basin transfer of water from surplus basins to deficit basins/ areas which comprises of two components, namely, Himalyan Rivers Development Component and Peninsular River Development component. National Water Development Agency (NWDA) was set up under the MOWR in 1982 for carrying out various technical studies to establish the feasibility of the proposal of NPP and to give concrete shape to it. Based on various studies conducted, NWDA has identified 30 links for preparing Feasibility Reports (FRs). NWDA has completed feasibility reports for 14 links under Peninsular Rivers Development component and two links under Himalayan Rivers Development component. A tripartite agreement was signed among Government of India and concerned States of Madhya Pradesh & Uttar Pradesh on 25.8.2005 in respect of one priority link under Peninsular Component *viz.* Ken-Betwa link for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR).

Clearance of projects under NRAP

1616. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Government of Maharashtra had submitted a detailed project report for environmental clearance under the National River Action Plan (NRAP) with respect to different rivers passing through and alongside different towns/districts in Maharashtra for implementation under the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details of the project proposals with the cost thereof;

(c) at what stage of clearance the different projects stand at present with the Central Government; and

(d) by when, the different projects are likely to be cleared by Government?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) to (c) As per Ministry of Environment & Forests, no detailed project

report has been received from the Government of Maharasthra in the Ministry of Environment & Forests for environmental clearance under the National River Conservation Plan. However, the Government of Maharashtra has submitted detailed project reports for river pollution abatement for Kolhapur town along river Panchganga (costing Rs. 49.74 crore), Wai town along river Krishna (costing Rs. 53.83 crore), Pandharpur town along river Bhima (costing Rs. 26.57 crore), Prakasha town along river Tapi (costing Rs. 4.62 crore), Paithan town along river Godavari (costing Rs. 15.72 crore) and Nawapur town along river Rangawali (costing Rs. 4.55 crore) to Ministry of Environment & Forests for approval under the National River Conservation Plan during the Tenth Five Year Plan. These projects could not be considered for approval, as the outlay available under the Tenth Five Year Plan is less than the sanctioned cost of projects already approved under the National River Conservation Plan. However, Ministry of Environment & Forests has suggested that the State Government may undertake these projects out of the State Plan Provisions by seeking necessary funds from the Planning commission including exploring the possibility of initiating the projects with public-private partnership. Subsequently, on seeking the comments on project report related to the towns of Pandharpur, Prakasha and Paithan by the Planning Commission, these were examined in the Ministry of Environment & Forests and found to be lacking in important details and requisite information. Accordingly, the Government of Maharashtra has been intimated to revise these project reports.

(d) Does not arise.

Toxic substances in ground water

†1617. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey on the extent of toxic substances found in ground water and adverse effects thereof on human health;

(b) if so. State-wise details thereof, and steps taken to maintain quality of ground water;

(c) whether Government propose to set up water treatment plant to protect the ground water from contamination;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.